

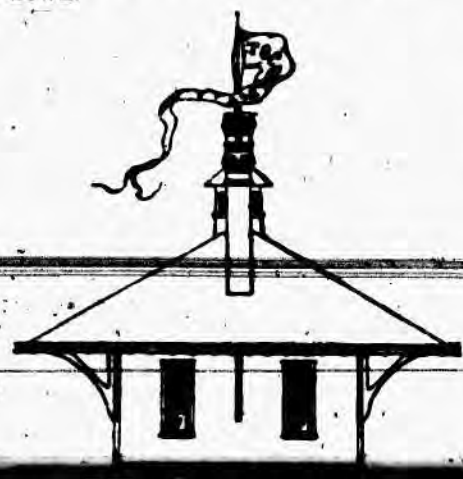
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A RAILROAD STATION.
A Suggestion to Those Interested in the New Station on Orchard Street.
Everybody travels more or less these days, and doubtless very few people can be found who have not experienced the discomforts of "waiting for a train" at a country station. Usually their ugliness and inconvenience prove that and inconvenient arrangement has been exercised in little or no skill has been exercised in planning for the welfare of the public.


PERSPECTIVE.
A waiting room in a railroad station should be light, clean and neat in appearance and well heated and ventilated. If, instead of the cheap advertising bills, the walls were adorned with a few pretty etchings and photographs and engravings, it would remove much of the dreary and disagreeable effect. In planning a railway station there should always be two waiting rooms, one for men and one for women, with the ticket office convenient and accessible to each, and with separate toilet rooms. The baggage and check rooms should not be forgotten. The length of a passenger coach is from 44 to 52 feet; the length of a sleeping car is from 50 to 60 feet; the length of a locomotive and tender about 60 feet; a baggage, mail or express car from 44 to 55 feet.

In planning a station, in addition to the locomotive and tender, we may on an average allow for every working train one baggage car, one sleeper and three passenger coaches, which would make the total length of the train, exclusive of the engine and tender, not less than 277 feet. The length of the platform, therefore, should be about 300 feet. It should be constructed of heavy planks spiked to stout sleepers firmly bedded in the ground. The planking can be made more durable by covering it with a thick coating of tar on the under side before putting it down.

END ELEVATION.
In regard to the height of the platform above the tracks there is a difference of opinion; but the best railroad engineers agree that it should be nearly, if not quite, on a level with the tracks, as all danger of passengers accidentally stepping off is thus avoided.



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